

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 1, 8 and 10-16. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. In particular, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to Fig. 2 and page 1, first full paragraph, of the PRIOR ART section. Accordingly, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.

The Examiner has objected to claim 13 and pointed out a minor informality. Applicant has corrected claim 13 and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his objection.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 8, 10-12, 14 and 15 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Thompson et al., stating that Thompson et al. teaches all of the present invention and particularly teaches a connection assembly detachably connected to a main body of a medical apparatus for use in diagnosis and treatment, wherein the connection assembly has a communication means for sending and receiving the information on said connection body to and from said medical apparatus.

In reply thereto, Applicant has carefully reviewed Thompson et al. and respectfully submits that Thompson et al. discloses an implantable medical device communication system for use with pacemakers, defibrillators, neural stimulators, etc. This communication system includes an implantable medical device, a medical information management system and a module interface apparatus; however Applicant respectfully submits that Thompson et al. does not disclose a dental treatment apparatus for use in dental diagnosis and treatment to which a hand piece and the like are detachably connected, all of which are claimed by Applicant's claims.

In particular, Applicant respectfully submits that Thompson et al. merely discloses a technology applicable to a pacemaker or the like, but does not disclose communication between a dental apparatus and a dental instrument which is a connection body, a tube connecting a main body and a dental instrument and an adapter provided therebetween.

In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Thompson et al. does not disclose each and every element of Applicant's claims and claims 1-4, 8, 10-12, 14 and 15 are not anticipated by Thompson et al.

The Examiner has rejected claims 5, 6, 9, 13 and 16 under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over Thompson et al., stating that Thompson et al. teaches all of the present invention and even though Thompson et al. does not specifically mention said information is an identification

information for identifying the connection assembly, Thompson et al. does teach an information management system which can be configured for acceptable of one or more plug-in modules.

In reply thereto, Applicant would like to incorporate by reference his comments above concerning Applicant's invention and Thompson et al. and again point out that Thompson et al. is a system for managing implantable medical devices such as pacemakers, defibrillators and neural stimulators and does not relate at all to dental apparatuses for use in dental diagnosis and treatment. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Thompson et al. would not suggest to one of ordinary skill in the art to utilize or configure the information management system for acceptance and management of one or more devices for use in dental diagnosis and treatment.

In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5, 6, 9, 13 and 16 are not obvious over Thompson et al.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

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